

REMARKS

Claims 1-24, 39-44, and 47 were pending in the application. Claims 39-44 are rejected. Claims 1-24 and 47 are allowed. Claims 39-44 have been cancelled. Claims 1-24 and 47 are now pending in the Application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are hereby respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 39-44 are identified on the Office Action summary as being rejected. Claims 39-44 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the outstanding rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-24 and 47 have been allowed. Because all rejected claims have been cancelled in this application, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested for allowed claims 1-24 and 47.

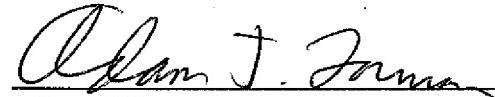
CONCLUSION

Because the rejected claims have been cancelled, no new issues have been raised by way of this communication. Because each remaining pending claim has been allowed, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any remaining issues or matters of form that will place this case in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this communication. However, if any additional fees are deemed to be due for this or any other communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-3866.

Respectfully submitted,



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